Highest temperature yesterday, 46; lowest, 21. Detailed weather reports on last page.

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GUNBOATS HELP FIGHT BLAZE AT BRIGHTONBEACH

Searchlights Light Scene for Firemen as Huge Parkway Baths Burn.

FIREBUG IS SUSPECTED

One Hundred Thousand See \$400.000 Spectacle-Several Buildings Damaged.

The most spectacular Coney Island fre since the burning of Dreamland in 1911 last" night swept the Brighton section of the island, destroying he Parkway Baths, 600 feet of the wardwalk and damaging Mead's Casino and the New Brighton Theatre. It is estimated that 100,000 persons witnessed the blase. The reserves of five police ut of the danger sone.

he ald given by four United States gunboats stationed in the lower bay. They

played powerful searchlights on the buildings. This made the burning sec-tion almost as bright as day and greatly helped the firemen called by five nlarms. The famous Parkway Baths of 7,000 rooms was destroyed. Only a spider-line steel structure supporting a water tank, which was at the rear of the building, remains.

Origin Is Suspicious.

An investigation has been started by ire Marshal Thomas Brophy to deter-nine whether the fire was of incendiary rigin, as there are certain circum-

peculiar.

Soon after 6 o'clock Policeman
Thomas Crattock of the Coney Island
station noticed smoke coming up
through the boardwalk opposite the office of the Parkway Baths. Under the boardwalk he found a mass of rubbish and pieces of timber blazing beneath the office. Crattock tried to extinguish the fire by throwing sand on it, but it had progressed too far and he turned in an

alarm.

By the time Battalion Chief William Rogers had arrived the boardwalk and a part of the building, a three story frame structure, were burning. Realizong the fire would spread quickly he urned in three more alarms, which brought Deputy Chief O'lbarn from Brooklyn headquarters, O'Harn sent in a fifth alarm on his arrival.

This brought twenty fire companies. Half an hour after its discovery the fire had doomed the Parkway Baths building and had jumped cant to several smaller buildings. The figures shot high and a buildings. The figures shot high and a strength to put up a real fight for seats in the House or the Senate.

and Home Defence League

Wind Souds Flames Eastward. When the fire started the wind was list leaders.

ay Baths had been completely enveloped in flames the fire jumped to a three frame structure adjoining the sche, in which was a salt water pool. the scheme has was soon doomed, and the flames a cleverly fing adjoining the baths on the west, the fire. The firemen fought hard ave the building, but it burned like he fight by the firemen then turned

given Theatre and streams were letween the building containing the caronest and the Casino is an alleyway containing a single track of the Smith treat trolley line. This alley gave the

Out of Control for Two Hours. deanwhile a big section of the board-

had disappeared in smoke and fire. on the flames began to sweep west be was a wild scramble on the park-automobiles assembled in the parkparkway just below the theatre, were It was nearly two hours before the fire

moment by the strong wind that had NEW U. S. FLIERS REACH FRONT eatened to be fanned into flame estimated the damage will to int to nearly \$400,000. Part of the tolerty is said to be owned by the real

Reynolds is the head and part the Brighton-by-the-Sea Corporati

AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED.

Anadian Casualty List Shows Also Four Dend of Wounds. Office A. Nov. 29.—The Canadian busing list to-day reports six Americal stilled in action and four dead as wounds while lighting on the bat-

inded the following names: Me. J. T. Kennedy, Minneapolis; Liddell, Ogden, Utah; Oscar-son, Two Harbors, Minn; W. W. Detroit, and E. J. Burns, Hart-

leted of wounds: J. H. Enright. Sag-Mich. Gassed: W. B. Denby, Britain. Coun.: Thomas McPhea, Cak, Mich.; G. H. Welch, Salt

W. E. Chittenden, Buffalo;

U. S. Casualties Due to Chance German Shell

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 29.—The killing of two American soldiers and the wounding of five soldiers and the wounding of five others several days ago. already reported, was due to a heavy German shell which hit a loaded ammunition wagon. Some of the men were on the wagon and others were near by when the shell, which was a chance shot, struck. The wagon with its cargo was blown up. Some of the wounded are in a serious condition, and all of them are in hospitals.

hospitals.

American ordnance experts have figured that the Germans in raids on American trenches thus far have expended more than \$100,000 worth of ammuni-tion alone.

presents were called to keep the crowds Leaders of Both Parties Plan bring us peace." Defeat of Fake Socialists at Polls.

BLOW

Republican-Democratic Unity Sought to Elect Thirty Men to Congress.

Special Despatch to THE SEX both parties in Congress are beginning to lay the foundations of a strange pact whereby Socialists, pacifists and those whom the taint of disloyalty has touched will be kept from the Senate

The first active move toward this was made by the Democratic National Committee in the designation of Frederick B. Lynch, representing Minnesota, to

pacifist element accumulating sufficient observations on the war, the Chancellor

ands from Brooklyn and Coney Island in the House or the Senate.

The whole House comes The whole House comes up to Coney Island and Brighton election next fall and thirty seats in Beach had been fairly well crowded all the Senate are to be filled. Republi-lay because of the holiday and the mild the senate are to be filled. Republi-reather. When Folice Captain Byron T. cans and Democrats in the midst of Sackett of the Coney Island police ar- their own battles are planning to comwed with the reserves the crowd had bine to throttle the avowed efforts of bine to throttle the avowed efforts of the right of free common to enormous proportions and his mall staff was totally unable to keep the people in check. The reserves of four other precincts were sent to ald who have crawled under the cloak of him, with fifty members of the Coney the Socialist party to forward their own the Socialist party to forward their own purposes and incidentally have driven from the ranks most of the real Social-

Democrate Block Plan. Some Republicans look askauce at

to which was a salt water pool, the scheme as it savers somewhat of on different dates, but their aim is com-was soon doomed, and the flames a cleverly camouflaged plot of their mon—the realization of national ideals, over to the Brighton Inn, a two Democratic colleagues to continue their the safeguarding of our territorial poscontrol of Congress. Some of them can be convinced of the sincerity of their shooting gallery. After the fire Democratic friends only if the plea for consumed these the wind suddenly agreement on candidates in the States onsumed these the wind suddenly agreement on candidates in the States and districts where there is evidence of strength on the part of the pacifies the fire. The firemen rought hard ave the building, but it burned like nations under this plan, Democrats and

nations under this plan. Democrats and requirement of the Republican party is fearful that where a Democrat is in office in a State or Congressional district and the pacifist-Socialists threaten to take the seat the Democrats will urge that this particular man should be allowed, to remain and that the loyal Republicans sharing alike. This element of the Republican party is fearful that where a Democrat is in office in a State or Congressional district and the pacifist-Socialists threaten to take the seat the Democrats will urge that this particular man should be allowed, to remain and that the loyal Republicans should support him to choke off the manace from his undesired opponent. If this plan was followed throughout the Republican party would get badly stung, they charge. get badly stung, they charge,

Loyalty Is Main Object. It is confidently believed by many

It is confidently believed by many of the leaders of both parties that this suspicion can be eradicated, and the two old parties, of whose loyalty there is no doubt, can combine to keep down the possibility of more men of the type of Senator La Foliette and Representative Baer, North Dakota, getting into Congress. The big vote folled up for Morris Hillquit in New York has caused a lot of thinking by Democrats and Republicans alike. They realise that it is not really a Socialist vote, but represents the pro-German, anti-war slacker and Socialist votes combined. The announcement by Hillquit of a drive to get some of the seats in Congress in the coming election has caused further perturbation.

Vanguard of Afr Army New With Troops to Prance. By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMT IN FRANCE, Nov. 29 .- A substantial vanguard of the great army of American aviators which All observations give us unmistakable eventually will operate in France has proof that the submarine war against merchant ships will reach the aim inarrived near the front.

GERMANS PRAT FOR WILSON.

Baltimore Congregation Proves Loyalty to United States.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 39.- Several thousand native born Germans and their descendants gathered here to-day in St. James's Catholic Church and prayed for President Wilson and the men from the United States who have fallen in

the war.

The prayers were in particular for Nicholas Wagner, who went down with the destroyer Chauncey several weeks ago. He was a member of that congregation is of German extraction and 120 members are in the United States ser-

BERLIN READY TO SIGN PEACE: SWEDEN AIDS

Chancellor von Hertling Awaits Only Arrival of Russia's Delegates.

STOCKHOLM AS MEDIATOR

Already Has Forwarded Formal Offer Made by Bolshevik Government.

BERLIN (via London), Nov. 23.-Count George F. von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, told the Reichstag to-day that he was ready to enter into peace negotiations as soon as the Russian Government sends to Berlin representatives having full powers.

"I hope and wish," he said, "that these

Respecting Poland, Lithuania and Courland Count von Hertling said: "We respect the right of self-deter mination of their peoples. We expect they, will give themselves a constitu-TO PRO-GERMANS tional form of government corresponding to their conditions.

fiets Word by Wireless.

Count von Hertling referred to the fact that the Russian Government had sent from Tsurskoe-Selo a wireless communication signed by Trotzky and Lenine and addressed to the Governments and the peoples of the belligerent countries proposing that negotiations for a truce and a general peace be pened at an early date, and said:

"I do not hesitate to declare that in the proposals of the Russian Government, so far as is at present known, debatable principles on which the opening of negotiations may be based may be recognized and that I am ready to ing full powers for this purpose. I hope

Discusses Other Problems.

The Chancellor presented himself before the Reichstag and delivered a long speech in which he duelt upon all the secree of friends along the front, had current problems of the internal and expectations. ternal situations. After some personal referred to the home politics of the empire, alluding to the introduction of the Prussian franchise proposa; and the Government's new measures which ex-tend social and political legislation in Germany, and in regard to the maintenance of a censorship, professed him-self, to contradistinction to the stand

self, in contradistinction to the stand over of the Entente Powers, in favor of a ing o liberal conception to the right of free him

our friendship with Austria-Hungary, airplane from a height of \$,000 feet.
Turker and Bulgaria. Our alliances of Brien says he cannot explain why he with these three States were concluded was not killed. When he regained conon—the realization of national ideals, ne safeguarding of our territorial pos-essions and the warding off of enemy tain us until the end is in sight. "Our faithful allies, to whom we have been drawn in defence of our most

with whom deeds of incomparable greatness have been performed on the battlefields and at home, have my gratitude
and admiration."

The train was sixty miles inside Germany and travelling at thirty miles an
hour, but O'Brien decided to take a desness have been performed on the battleperate chance. He jumped from the
train, skinning the whole side of his
face, reopening the wound in his lip and

Claims Credit for Reforms.

Count won Hertling claimed the initia-tive for the Prussian reforms pro-beeded from the Crown, and after al-tiviting to some new bills of reform af-

luding to some new bills of reform affecting the workmen's unions referred to the censorship question, and promised to do what was possible to allow a free expression of opinion and set aside abuses. He continued:

"The point new is to stand together united and firm until victory is achieved. Our enemies begin to see they cannot deprive us of victory by force of arms, but they base their hope on a supposed imminent internal breakdown. Without knowledge of our German conditions and misled by a dependent and instigating prees, they affect to see signs of coming prees, they affect to see signs of coming events and transitory appearances. Do your best, gentlemen, to destroy this by a unanimous determination to support the Government. That one thought and determination fills all hearts—thought of

Sees Success of U-Bont War. As to the submarine campaign the for his last day as a fugitive, when he hancellor said: But his narrowest escape was reserved for his last day as a fugitive, when he could see Dutch territory. To circum-

"The empire has appealed seven times to the German people to provide the means and all classes of the population have competed in order that each might to London bear his portion of the burden and the sum of about 73,000,000,000 marks has been subscribed voluntarily to date

SWEDEN IS MEDIATOR. Already She Has Profered Truce on Russin's Behalf.

London, Nov. 29.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says the Swedish Legation at Petrograd has agreed, at Leon Trotsky's request, to act as mediator between Russia and Germany and has already sent to the Berlin Foreign Office a note

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FLIER'S ESCAPE

Joint Protest Is Made

Against Separate Peace

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LONDON, Nov. 29 .- The head

of the British military mission at the Russian army head-

bian and Japanese colleagues, has

presented a note to Kerensky's commander in chief, Gen. Dukhonin, protesting against the violation of the pact of London on the subject of a separate

armistice or peace and inform-ing him that the consequences will be most serious.

It is explained that the em-bassies of the Allies are not recognizing the extremists and are employing the military mis-sions to present the views of the Allies to the Russian people.

quarters, supported by French, Italian, Rumanian,

forts will soon take definite shape and Shot: Falls 8,000 Feet; Jumps From Train; Digs Under Charged Wires.

DODGES FOE'S SENTINELS

Survives Turnip Diet; Lives Through London Banquet in Celebration.

LONDON, Nov. 29 .- Lifett, Patrick O'Brien of Momence, Ill., near Chicago, the first American member of the British Flying Corps to escape from Germany, has arrived in London. O'Brien eluded his capters by jumping from the window of a speeding train. He then became a fugitive for seventy-two days. and as his goal was within sight, narrowly escaped electrocution from the charged wires along the Holland fron-

After cabling his aged mother, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, at Momence to expect to see him soon, Lieut. O'Brien called upon American Ambassador Page to

Was in San Diego Corpe.

O'Brien, who is a sturdy young man of 27, was flying in the American aviaon squadron at San Diego, Cal., when went to Victoria, B. C., and obtained commission in the Canadian army. him tinguished himself by his great daring are prepared to enter an international dand over the German lines. On the morn-pact affording ample opportunities for a ing of August 17 enemy gunners forced the settlement of international disputes him to descend, but fortunately he landed behind his own lines.

Late afternoon of the same day saw him up again over the German lines, agreement on these points, and the fighting the enemy. There were twenty political horizon might be scanned with

German machines to six British in the encounter, O'Brien's machine alone en-"I have taken over from my highly gaging four enemy craft and accounting honored predecessors in office," he said, for one before O'Brien was shot through "a precious heritage, namely, to cherish the upper lip. He fell with his damaged sciousness he was in a German hospital. Later the Lieutenant spent three weeks at a prison camp at Courtral before he was started for the interior of attacks. The preeminent nature of this thermany. There were three other prisaim has steeled our resolution in the oners under a strong guard in his comaim has steeled our resolution in the oners under a strong guard in his com-long and bloody struggle and will sus-partment when O'Brien as a ruse had the window opened by complaining

the smoke.

The train was sixty miles inside Gerface, reopening the wound in his lip and losing consciousness. It was about 4 o'clock in the morning and the darkness shielded him. When he recovered he was lying in a field.

Then for seventy-two days he was a fugitive, travelling only at night. He trudged through fields and swam rivers

and canals in Germany, Luxemburg and Belgium before he reached the Dutch frontier. At the time of his flight he had a piece of sausage, on which he sub-sisted for several days, after which his sole sustenance consisted of turnips and other vegetables found in fields. O'Brien did not know any German, but he used a little French on a kindly Belgian who was so happy to meet an American in British uniform that he sheitered him for several days. The Belgian then gave him old clothes to cover his uniform and directed him by the nearest route to the frontier. O'Brien swam the River Meuse near Namur and the next day was challenged by German

sentries, who decided he was a peasant Builds Bridge Over Wires.

vent the charged wires O'Brien built "Submarine warrare against merchant ships exercises systematically its power-ful and inevitable effect. It was and is the only thoroughgoing means for carrying on against the superior power of our adversaries the economic war forced upon us. It directs itself against enour adversaries the economic war forced out on a time in the enemy's service.

"The ships sunk will continually exceed the tonnage of those newly built. All observations give us unmistakable proof that the submarine war against proof that the submarine war against morning. When daylight came the first morning wooden thing he saw was people making wooden thing he saw was people making wooden shoes. He then walked out into the open and hurried to the nearest British Con-sul, who arranged for his transportation

MESSAGE HOME BRIEF. O'Brien Briefly Tells Family of Es caping German Prison

Moderce, Ill., Nov. 29—A laconic cablegram, "Escaped from German prison; letter follows," prepared this city for the further attring news to-day of the escpae of Flight Lieut. Patric O'Brien.

The message quoted was signed "Pat" and was addressed to his mother, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien. Before taking up aviation five years ago Patrick O'Brien was a locomotive engineer on the Santa

LANSDOWNE SWITZERLAND IN GRIP **SEEKS PEACE** OF GERMANS; ALLIES TO PLAN VIEWS DISCUSS RELIEF PLANS

Urges That Statesmanship Be Exerted to Bring War to an End.

WOULD DEFINE AIMS

Favors Giving Germany Assurance Against Threat of Boycott on Commerce.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEX.
LONDON, Nov. 29.—Lord Lansdowne the veteran statesman, has started a national discussion in an effort to determine if the resources of statesmanship are capable of evolving a programme romising to hasten the end of the war and insure a permanent peace thereafter. Lord Lansdowne, a typical representative of the old Tory party, has been Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of India, Secretary of Foreign Affairs candidate for Premier.

He opens the discussion in a long letter to the Doily Telegraph urging the necessity of ending the war as early as possible, consistent with achieving its proper aims, else civilization will suffer an irreparable disaster. Quoting various authorities he points out that the sane objects of the war are reparation and security against the repetition of such a conflict and regards the latter as

much the most important. He finds the statesmen of all the belligerent countries and also the Pope are agreeable to the idea of a league of na-tions, and therefore concludes that the Paris conference should initiate steps toward the establishment of such a is not desired by the German people and to boycott Germany commercially after the war. He does not think the Allies entertain such designs, and demands a declaration forthwith on behalf of the countries indicating this specifi-He adds:

Would Ald Peace Party. 'An immense stimulus probably would as a great Power; second that we do not seek to impose upon her people a form of government other than their own choice; third, that except as a legitimate war measure we do not desire to examine with the other Powers the international problems, some of recent ori-gin, in connection with the question of the freedom of the seas; fifth, that we

general war policy now occupying the allied Governments another measure of a similar nature directed to the same end, namely, the coordination of war "Such a diplomatic coordination with its natural sequence a joint declaration, involves no relaxation or change in war efforts. It would only strengthen their

Closer Understanding Advisable. "The adhesion of the United States to the plan of coordination now set up would render it advisable to have a closer understanding of their war aims among the Allies. This would strengthen President Wilson in the war leadership

struments for keeping in subjection the

of a people largely unversed in the in-Continued on Second Page.

Soldiers Are Grateful for "Sun" Fund Smokes

PATRIOTIC persons just can't help but contribute to THE SUN Tobacco Fund when they read the letters of soldiers who have been made glad by smokes from this source. Read a few of them on page 4 this morning, then send your offering. You may share in the Christmas giv-

Mme. Ossip Gabrilowitsch (Clara Clemens), daughter of Mark Twain, has offered to sing at the great Christmas concert to be given for the fund in the Waldorf ballroom, December 17. Rudolph Ganz, pianist, will be one of the other great solo artists, and the women of the Rubinstein Club will sing patriotic numbers.

New features are being arranged for the entertainment in Justine Johnstone's Little Club next Wednesday night, where Raymond Hitchcock will act as auctioneer. And special numbers are being added to the programme for SUN Fund night at the Claridge, December 12.

Don't forget to deposit your tobacco coupons and certificates in the boxes in the United and hulte stores to-day

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ALLIED COUNCIL KINGS GLAD TO OPENS IN PARIS KEEP FROM WAR

Unity of 3 Nations to Re-

tain Independence.

Monarchs and Ministers Con-

fer Several Hours on Plans

for Safety.

CHRISTIANIA, Nov. 39 .- In reply to 1

"Each of our nations (Norway, Swe

King Gustave also referred to the sep-

aration of Norway and Sweden and to

In proposing a toast to the visiting

"These are mournful times for Europe

Our own countries also come under their

shadow, but we are fortunate in having

King Haakon expressed thanks to the

Danish people for their readiness to sub-

mit to privations to assist the other

NEUTRALS WANT WHEAT Would Loan Ships to U. S. if Em-

bargo Is Ramed.

Epecial Despatch to THE SEN.

All the Scandinavian countries and Holland have felt obliged to assure Ber-lin that no breach of strict neutrality

Denmark, Sweden and Holland are pre-sumably taking the position that their

an understanding by amicable means. Failure to obtain American wheat would

be a serious matter for Holland, it is explained. Incidentally, all the wheat shipments destined for Belgium go to Rotterdam, a Dutch port. Should famine threaten in Holland it is feared that the Dutch peeps would not permit these

ents away from Belgium

REPORTED AMPLE

Controller Says Grain and

Potato Yield Are Good.

the Dutch people would not perm shipments to go out of the of This would have the effect of

wheat shipments away from B and the need for them there is go

FOOD IN GERMANY

recognized

food supply.

man Foreign Office.

been able to keep out of the war."

the fact that he was the first Swedist

ruler to visit Norway since that even-

monarchs King Haakon said:

Haakon in Toast Pleads fo Fifteen Nations Represented-Clemenceau Presides-Committees Begin Work.

NORTHCLIFFE CONFIDENT GIVES THANKS TO DANES

Predicts Conference Will Bring About the Necessary Unity of Action.

ference, which has been called for the toast by King Heakon of Norway at a purpose of discussing closer unity in banquet last night to the Kings attendthe prosecution of the war and coordina- ing the Scandinavian conference Kins and Secretary of War. He was a tion of resources, opened in the Mints. Gustave of Sweden said: member of Asquith's Cabinet until its try of Foreign Affairs shortly after 10 fall, and recently was the Opposition o'clock this morning with fifteen nations den and Denmark) is small in itself, but represented. The French Premier, M. Clemenceau, presided and welcomed the delegates, emphasizing the gravity of the responsibilities resting on the assembled statesmen and military officials. together we constitute a force which must be reckoned with when it is a question of safeguarding the mainteance of our independence and of our The delegates immediately went to right freely to dispose of our own destinies."

work, subdividing into committees, the composition of which had been arranged at preliminary meetings. The Italian representatives were the first to reach the conference hall. They were followed by the envoys of Japan. The American war mission, augmented by Ambassador Sharp, Gen. Pershing and Vice-Admiral Sims, conferred at their hotel headquarters before going to the Foreign Office, which they reached promptly at 10 o'clock. The British delegates came right on the heels of the Americans.

No Cheering by Crowds.

There were large crowds outside the hotel where the Americans and British are quartered, and also in front of the Foreign Ministry, but there was no cheering or demonstration of any kind, those who gathered to see the representatives of the various countries see cognise the seriousness of the bus Meetings of the Supreme War Council, in which only France, Great Britain, the United States and Italy are represented, will follow the interailled conference.

This war council is a permanent body and will deal only with questions relating and will deal only with questions feather to military operations on the western front, which now includes Italy. Col. House and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss: will monarche and Ministers at Christiania represent the United States at the first this week dealt with the question of the neeting of this council. Premier Clemenceau's speech barely exceeded a hundred words.

political horizon might be scanned with better hope by those who pray but hardly expect that the new year may bring a lasting and honorable peace. The Daily Telegraph strongly indorses this view generally, saying:

"The proposal amounts to this; that there should be added to the measures for fuller coordination in strategy and M. Pichon then outlined the ques-tions to be examined and the method of work to be followed. The resolutions by the French representatives having been adopted without discussion, the conference divided into sections in which the various allied delegations are represented. These sections are finances, imports and transportation, armament, munitions, aviation, food and blockade. Each of these commissions is being pre-sided over by the French Minister whose department corresponds to the subject under consideration. Diplomatic, mili-tary and naval questions will be treated inder the direction of the Ministers of

those departments. meeting ended at 11 when the delegates left the the United States and the Entente.

and veiled to the eyes of Europe. It is too difficult to imagine what is happening 3,000 kilometers from here."

Viscount Northcliffe described the enthusiasm that he said he had witnes length and breadth of the United States.

HUGE SUGAR SAVING SEEN. Cracker Men Need 16,000,000

Pounds Less by Hoover Rules. Washington. Nov. 29.—An annual saving of 18,000,000 pounds of sugar and 12,000,000 pounds of shortening is what the cracker manufacturers of the country estimate they will accomplish under the new rules made for them by the Food Administration.

The rules require that an average of not more than 17 pounds of shortening. of which not more than 10 pounds shall be animal fats, shall be used in 156 pounds of flour, meal or mixture for sponge goods, and not more than pounds, of which not more than hall be animal fats, in sweet good No sugar is allowed for sponge goods and not more than 53 pounds for sweet

The administration has asked that the manufacturers keep below these maximum figures and has given warn-ing that a further reduction may be

London, Nov. 29.—The end of the

East African campaign before Christmas is predicted by the Reuter correspondent at Ndara.

He declares that by that time the German commander in chief will either be a prisoner or in exile.

He reven Waldow said that bread and potators would form the basis of the contended that with Russia rulned and propagandists have contended in the results of the potators would form the basis of the contended that with Russia rulned and propagandists have contended that with Russia rulned and propagandists. be a prisoner or in exile.

Railways and Industrial Forces of Little Republic at Foe's Mercy.

INVASION THREATENED

Teuton Army Massing on Frontier Menaces Nation and A'lies' Rear.

SPIES OVERRUNNING LAND

Interallied Conference in Paris Wil Devise Plan to Check Intrigues.

From a Staff Correspondent of Two Str Copyright, 1917; all rights reserved. Paris, Nov. 29 .- The interallied conrence, which opened here to-day, will e confronted in its first sessions with the problem of combating the menace of German intrigue in Switzerland, the ramifications of which have created & situation full of the gravest possibilities Recent despatches reveal the extent of he German attempt to disorganize the civil, military and industrial forces of the republic so that it will be unable effectively to enforce its neutrality

should the German armies invade its territory to strike the Allies in the back. Switzerland since the beginning of the war has been the headquarters of German intrigue, from which emanated an insidious propaganda, of which the tentacles extend all over Europe and the United States, and even into the Far East. Neither the Swiss Government Scandinavian countries.

The conference opened yesterday morning with epecches by King Haakon and King Gustave, after which the Minnor the Swiss people are responsible for this selection. The geographical position of the country made it the natural centre

of the web which the German agents

Zurich, Lugano, Geneva, Lausanne, Basic and Berne were in communication with Berlin and passed the instructions of Wilhelmstrasse to the Bolos, Duvals, enines, Trotzkys, Cavallinis and Abbas Hilmis in German pay. The recent riots in Zurich, under the guise of pacifist Washington, Nov. 29.—Reports reaching neutral diplomatic circles here say lemonstrations, were the first in evelations of the results of the plots in switzerland. Since November 15 there ias been a series of premeditated revo-American embargo on wheat. It has

Premier Clemenceau's speech barely exceeded a hundred words.

"Gentlemen," he said, "in the name of the French Republic, the honor of welcoming you falls upon me. In this greatest of wars it is the feeling of the supreme solidarity of peoples which unites us in this moment to win on the field of battle the right to a peace which shall be a true peace of humanity. It is for this we are here in this admirable required to make every secrifice demanded by an a facil agreement for Norway, Sweden and Denmark to offer ships for Chited States in return for wheat shipments. The Government of the Government of the Holland also has proposed this arrange in the area of the proposed to have stipulated that none of the shipping is to be used in the war zone and there are other profom Italy to Zurch were brought by posed restrictions got yet fully consid-Important-institutions was utilized to undermine Switzerland neutrality. and mancial support was promised wherever there was opportunity to increase Swiss obligations—to Germany indus-

Germany Dominates Factories.

lin that no breach of strict neutrality would creep into the negotiations with the American Government. There has been some suspicion in Berlin over the attitude of Norway, and Dr. von Kuehimann, the German Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is understood to desire that matters of importance connected with the ters of importance connected with the negotiations be virtually submitted to Germany's approval before they are entirely and already organized two corporations, one a consolidation dermany's approval before they are endorsed by the neutral Governments,

In this manner Germany apparently is seeking to maintain a certain control over the embargo negotiations affection. companies, which is now in the po-sition of being able to stop the opera-tion of the Government owned rail-roads.

In discussing the interallied conference in an interview in Pette Parisies. Viscount Northeliffe says:

"The unity of control which will issue from this conference is essential for more than one reason, but especially because it will permit the Allies to use to its full extent the generous abundance of resources which the vast transatiantic republic places at their disposal. The importance of American intervention only appears as yet but indistinctly and veiled is the volent of the indistinction of the support of the support of the indistinction of the support of the support of the indistinction of the support of the support of the indistinction of the support of the suppo It is estimated that Holland has sufficient wheat to last until next February. But after that the Dutch are relying on American shipments, and the Dutch Government is seeking to reach.

The Swiss Government, which has just religerated its from the services.

> in strong force on the frontier, where they are practising military exercises. EXPECT CALAIS DRIVE. Sermans Ready for Supreme Effort

> > In Belief.

just reiterated its firm protest against the German blockade, is perturbed also over the appearance of German troops

Special Cable Despatch to The Sta-LONDON, Nov. 29.—The general belief in well informed quarters in England is that Germany is planning a supreme military effort between now and April to crush the Entente before the United States is able to demonstrate its full power on this side. This also is persistently reported as the reason for the drive on Italy. It is believed the enemplans an immense offensive on the west-Ansternam, Nov. 29.—Speaking in the plans an immense offensive on the west-prussian Lower House to-day on food conditions, Herr von Waldow, president of the German Food Regulation Board, of the German Food Regulation Board, of its maximum strength, the next few months will afford the last chance of foreign an issue favorable to Germany. "Considerable supplies of grain for making bread have been provided by early threshing. The Imperial German only as a result of the most desperate only as a result of the most desperate only as a result of the most desperate effort of the German, the high common, as compared with \$90,000 tons last mand, it is suspected, will undertake it year. The potato crop may be regarded for the German press utterances support the belief that an immense drive port the west is impending the newspapers GERMANS LOSING EAST AFRICA.

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